

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, May 29th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night, His Worship Mayor Meredith presiding, and Aldermen Birrell, Labatt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Brown, Stringer, Moore, Becher, Hyman, Boyd and Hunt in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Clerk read the following

COMMUNICATIONS:

From Geo. Deacen, Robt. Alford and Henry Yates, asking to be allowed to extend their stalls in the market Bazaar to the East. No. 8.

From John Bonsor, in reference to his cellar being flooded. No. 2.

From Ann McDonough, asking remission of taxes. Mary Reed and Margaret Donnelly, to the same effect. No. 1.

An account from the FREE PRESS Printing Company, for \$196.90, was referred to No. 1 Committee.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Browne (chairman) reported as follows:—

(1) That accounts amounting to \$606.50 be paid; (2) that the boundary question be dealt with by a special committee; (3) that the amount and privileges be granted the militia authorities for the establishment of the camp on Hon. Mr. Carling's farm, as was granted last year, and Mr. Carling be communicated with in reference to procuring the use of the farm; (4) that the Forest City Bicycle Club be granted the use of the Exhibition Grounds on the 2nd July; (5) that the petition of A. B. Powell & Co., asking permission to erect a cross sign and lamp be referred to the Council; (6) that \$1,100 be placed to the credit of the Park for gravel, hose, lawn sprinklers, green house plants, horse hire, repairing seats, labor, four additional lamps, etc.; (7) your committee has pleasure in laying before you the City Engineer's report for the necessary improvements throughout the city for the current year, amounting in all to \$23,000.

The report was taken up clause by clause. Clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4 passed.

On the fifth clause being read Ald. Cowan moved that the prayer of the petition of Messrs. A. B. Powell & Co. be granted.

Ald. O'Meara seconded Ald. Cowan's motion.

The petition was filed on motion of Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Stringer.

The yeas and nays were called for as follows:—

Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hyman, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd, Becher.

Nays—O'Meara and Cowan.

Ald. Birrell moved the adoption of the sixth clause.

Ald. Becher moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the amount be reduced to \$900 for Park purposes.

The amendment was lost.

The yeas and nays were called as follows:—

Yeas—Cowan, Skinner, Stringer and Becher.

Nays—Birrell, Hyman, Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Browne, Moore, Boyd.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Labatt, that the clause be amended by inserting \$1,000 instead of \$1,100. Carried.

When clause seven was read Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the \$15,000 be granted for public works.

The mover spoke strongly in favor of the amendment.

Ald. Hyman moved in amendment to the amendment that \$10,000 be granted for public works.

Ald. Becher seconded Ald. Hyman's amendment.

Ald. Hyman—I will withdraw my amendment to the amendment in favor of Ald. Cowan's amendment.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment to the amendment that the sum recommended by the Engineer be reduced to \$16,000, and that it be referred back to the Engineer, to report to Committee No. 2 for the expenditure of that sum in the city to the best advantage.

Ald. Skinner seconded.

Ald. Cowan withdrew his amendment.